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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the aboveidentified case.

> 1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-259335, dated September 24, 1999, together with an English language abstract.

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Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference. The relevance of the above-identified reference has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R§1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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